

# WNAB-TV 58 (DTV 23) ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT FOR Q3 2021

WNAB has identified many issues of public interest within the Middle Tennessee community, and has addressed them through program content, public service announcements, and non-broadcast activities.

On September 20, 2021, WNAB ended its network affiliation and the station's syndicated programming moved to the subchannel of another station in the Nashville market; from 9/20 and beyond WNAB began broadcasting digital broadcast network Dabl on our primary program stream.

Much of WNAB's community-relevant programming comes from a program called "Comments With Dr. James Haney", a weekly half-hour series broadcast on Sundays at 6:00 AM until 9/29/21 and then Sundays at 5:30 AM starting 9/26/21 that features prominent TSU professor Dr. James Haney discussing current community issues and events in both interview and panel-discussion segments.

WNAB also broadcast replays of FOX17 News at Nine Mondays-Fridays at 2:00 AM until 9/20/21, and starting that date began simulcasting the FOX17 Morning News from 5-6 AM Mondays-Fridays.

The following is a brief summary of some specific issues addressed by these programs and through other means by WNAB during the third quarter of 2021:

# EDUCATION:

[Comments with Dr. James Haney](#)

August 29, 2021, #935, "Black Male Dilemma in the United States," 9 minute segment

Dr. Haney spoke about the “school-to-prison pipeline” experience for teenaged black males and how those forces remove both choices and opportunities from today’s youth.

WNAB aired the following public service announcement related to education:

**Dare to STEM**

Spot from Ad Council and She Can STEM inspiring young girls to start interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics

# POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

## [Comments with Dr. James Haney](#)

August 1, 2021, #933, "Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the US," 11 Minute segment

Dr. Haney and his guest discussed the evolution of anti-Muslim sentiments in the US; this segment covered the origins of conflict there and the US government rhetoric and policy decisions that furthers that evolution in the post-9/11 United States of America.

## [Comments with Dr. James Haney](#)

September 5, 2021, #929 "Status of Race in America", 23 minute program

Dr. Haney and Dr. Sanford, also of TSU, discussed the issue of race in the US in 2021, and much of the conversation included hooks to the economic and other policy decisions and legislation that fueled Americans' perceptions of racial differences, drawing lines along economic fractures.

## [Comments with Dr. James Haney](#)

September 19, 2021, #931, "President Obama in Cuba," 10 minute segment

Dr. Haney spoke with area activist Sheyla Paz, who described the policy impact of President Obama's early trip to Cuba and how his efforts to normalize relations between Cuba and the US shook loose decades of US foreign policy designed to keep the nations at arms' length.

## [FOX17 News at Nine Repeat \(2:00 AM\)](#)

July 6, 2021, "TN Lawmakers and PPP", 3 minute segment

Despite ending federal unemployment benefits early in the pandemic, this piece reported how TN Lawmakers signed up for federal money themselves.

## [FOX17 News at Nine Repeat \(2:00 AM\)](#)

July 12, 2021, "TN on Me", 2 minute segment

Coverage detailing how the Governor of Tennessee green lights a program to give travel vouchers to any who books a stay in Tennessee, but those vouchers can be used in any state.

# PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

## Comments with Dr. James Haney

July 4, 2021, #916, "Housing for the Homeless", 11 minute segment

Dr. Haney and Dr. Carr of TSU discussed the public health problems associated with homelessness, and how providing more access to housing can ameliorate many of those woes for cities with a large population of homeless people.

## Comments with Dr. James Haney

July 25, 2021, #927, "Status of Mental Health in TN", 23 minute program

Dr. Haney and Dr. Poe of TSU discussed TN's mental health programs and efforts, including access to care, institutions and the services offered, as well as policy prescriptions to better the mental health of Tennesseans.

## Comments with Dr. James Haney

August 15, 2021, #937, "Homelessness and Gentrification", 10 minute segment

Dr. Haney and his guests talked about how changing urban environments often lead to more homeless, and displace existing homeless persons to other areas within a community. Segment covered the health and safety risks associated with homelessness and how it can be fueled by economic booms in a neighborhood.

The station also aired the following PSAs relating to Public Health and Safety during the past quarter:

### **Project Roadblock "Bathroom Boy"**

Spot from the Governor's Highway Safety Council reminding viewers of the dangers of drunk driving and what enforcement measures are being taken to prevent it

### **Project Roadblock "Neon Signs"**

Spot from the Governor's Highway Safety Council reminding viewers of the dangers of drunk driving and what enforcement measures are being taken to prevent it

### **Autism Speaks "World of Autism" KIDS**

Spot from the Ad Council promoting awareness of the symptoms and manifestations of autism and attempting to demystify the condition.

### **Hunger Prevention "TEACHER" KIDS**

Spot reminding viewers to do their part in preventing child hunger by donating to their local food banks.

### **Project Roadblock "That Won't Work"**

Spot from the Governor's Highway Safety Council reminding viewers of the dangers of drunk driving and what enforcement measures are being taken to prevent it

### **Hunger Prevention "4 ON 4" - KIDS**

Ad Council spot raising awareness to hunger in America. Web plug provided for more information ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org))

## **Project Roadblock "Life's Doors"**

Spot from the Governor's Highway Safety Council reminding viewers of the dangers of drunk driving and what enforcement measures are being taken to prevent it.

## **Project Roadblock "Over the Top"**

Spot from the Governor's Highway Safety Council reminding viewers of the dangers of drunk driving and what enforcement measures are being taken to prevent it.

## **High Blood Pressure Numbers - MANAGE YOUR NUMBERS**

Spot from the Ad Council and the American Heart Society urging viewers to stay on top of their blood pressure history, web plug and general health tips provided

## **Texting & Driving Prevention "One Decision"**

Spot from the NHTSA and Ad Council reminding viewers that even a momentary distraction while driving can cause a crash. Encourages safe driving by urging viewers to leave their phones alone while behind the wheel.

## **FEMA - "PREPARED NOT SCARED"**

Spot produced by the Ad Council and provided by the Federal Emergency Management Association encouraging emergency preparedness for viewers. Web plug for more info provided.

## **Project Roadblock "That Won't Work"**

Spot from the Governor's Highway Safety Council reminding viewers of the dangers of drunk driving and what enforcement measures are being taken to prevent it.

## **Child Car Safety - 4AM**

Spot from the Ad Council promoting safe use of child car seats to prevent injury or death in the event of an accident. Info and web plug provided for more details.

## **Child Car Safety - MATH**

Spot from the Ad Council promoting safe use of child car seats to prevent injury or death in the event of an accident. Info and web plug provided for more details.

## **Child Car Safety - Play Place**

Spot from the Ad Council promoting safe use of child car seats to prevent injury or death in the event of an accident. Info and web plug provided for more details.

## **Child Car Safety - Soccer**

Spot from the Ad Council promoting safe use of child car seats to prevent injury or death in the event of an accident. Info and web plug provided for more details.

## **Ad Council Feeding America "TEACHER" 60**

Ad Council spot raising awareness fo hunger in America. Web plug provided for more information ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org))

## **CORONAVIRUS Sesame Street BTS Elmo**

Spot from the Ad Council featuring characters from childrens program Sesame Street reminding kids how to practice safe habits to prevent getting or transmitting viral infections

# FAMILY ISSUES

## [Comments with Dr. James Haney](#)

August 22, 2021, #934, "Influence on Social Structure on Human Development," 23 minute program

Roundtable discussion covering how social constructs and the behaviors modeled by adults participating in them create frameworks for young people to understand their world and their roles in it. Strategies were discussed for preventing harm and creating social frameworks that allow children to grow and learn without being forced into a particular box.

## [Comments with Dr. James Haney](#)

September 12, 2021, #930, "Domestic Violence" 11 minute segment

In a discussion about domestic violence, the topic turned to how exposure to such impacts a family dynamic, both spreading the footprint of abuse and increasing the likelihood that it will be perpetuated by people exposed to such as children.

## [FOX17 News at Nine Repeat \(2:00 AM\)](#)

July 27, 2021, "TN Lawmakers and PPP", 4 minute segment

As the pandemic continues, predatory lenders are going after those without a job who need to make ends meet, including citizens trying to provide for their families. What are TN lawmakers doing to protect their economic futures?

WNAB aired the following PSA's related to family issues the past quarter:

### **Fatherhood.gov "Play Catch with Her" (KIDS)**

Spot promoting good parenting techniques for fathers with girls; includes links to parenting resources

### **AdoptUS Kids.Org "At Home"**

Promoting the virtues of adoption; web plug with resources provided

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### **AdoptUS Kids.Org "Kean's Rewards"**

Promoting the virtues of adoption; web plug with resources provided

### **AdoptUS Kids.Org "Raenell's Rewards"**

Promoting the virtues of adoption; web plug with resources provided

### **AdoptUS Kids.Org "Thompson's Rewards"**

Promoting the virtues of adoption; web plug with resources provided

### **Foster Care - First Heartbreak**

Spot from the Ad Council and the Corporation for National and Community Service raising awareness of the way viewers can help children and and better their own lives by being a foster care provider. Web plug and contact information provided.

# ENVIRONMENT

Much of WNAB's conservation-focused programming comes the syndicated weekly program "Real Green" airing Saturdays at 7:00 AM (7/3/21 through 9/18/21) and Sundays at 6:30 AM (7/4/21 through 9/5/21). Following is a summary of topics discussed each week during the quarter:

## 07.04.21 #R-1034 – 28 minute program

New innovations in green products; Creating forest buffers to help the environment; Learning green practices at two schools in Great Britain

## 07.10.21 #R-1035 – 28 minute program

visiting the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, showing that green efforts make good business sense; Cycling in Belgium helps a city's transportation plans; Solar power at a California university.

## 7.17.21 #R-1001 – 28 minute program

Green stoves come save fuel and the environment in Haiti; Recycling in Las Vegas; Fish conservation in India.

## 07.24.21 #R-1002 – 28 minute program

Solar power in Africa; Home energy audit; Salvaging old wood.

## 07.31.21 #R-1003– 28 minute program

Transforming old Pennsylvania; An energy consulting firm in India; An alternative vehicle fuel

## 08.07.21 #R-1004 – 28 minute program

Bicycles help sustainability; Recycling tires; Hybrid lights

#### 08.14.21 #R-1005– 28 minute program

Visiting the Solar Institute Living Center; Turning onions into fuel; Green tip: Recycling milk cartons.

#### 08.21.21 #R-1006 – 28 minute program

University of Massachusetts permaculture project; Photovoltaic research; Managing water flow.

#### 08.28.21 #R-1007 – 28 minute program

Making a neighborhood green; A new water pump helps farmers in Myanmar; A family gets an energy audit.

#### 09.04.21 #R-1008 – 28 minute program

Greening a university campus in California; Following a Habitat for Humanity team; Green tip: Recycling plastic plant trays

#### 09.11.21 #R-1009– 28 minute program

Eco-friendly stoves in Africa; Recycling old refrigerators; Seawater air conditioning in Tahiti.

#### 09.18.21 #R-1010– 28 minute program

California Indian tribe initiates green practices; Creating bio-energy; Green tip: Recycling plastic wrapping.



WNAB also aired other PSA's relating to various community issues throughout the quarter. See the PSA Summary document for Q3 for a complete list of all public service announcements broadcast during the third quarter of 2021.

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